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ARAPAHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER SIX

Littleton, Colorado BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 18, 2009

Call to Order

President Bob Colwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Education Services Center, 5776 South Crocker Street.

Present

Bob Colwell, President
Renée Howell, Vice President
Sue Chandler, Secretary
Lucie Stanish, Treasurer
Mary Nichols, Assistant Secretary

Others in Attendance

Connie Bouwman, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services
Kirk Madsen, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Scott Murphy, Superintendent
Mike Owens, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Absent

Lucinda Hundley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Murphy reported that Steven Newell, Sandburg Elementary School science and technology center facilitator, was named the Top Technology Teacher for 2009 by the Colorado Software and Internet Association. Two other teachers from East Elementary School, Chris Moore and Nikki Vander Velde were finalists in the competition. Mr. Newell and Mr. Moore serve on the district's Educational and Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) and will be presenters at the upcoming Technology in Education (TIE) conference.

Board Reports/Requests

Ms. Stanish expressed appreciation for the work done at the Board workshop held on Tuesday, June 16, noting the conversation about the Board's vision, values, and the future challenges facing LPS was very worthwhile.

Ms. Howell attended a meeting held by the Colorado Department of Education that provided the public with an opportunity to comment on draft revisions to the Colorado model content standards. Several people from LPS were in attendance.

Ms. Howell attended a panel discussion, "Colorado in 2011: Fiscal Policy Implications" at the Women's College, which was organized by Ms. Nichols.

Ms. Howell thanked the staff for organizing Board meetings two weeks in a row so Board members can attend the TIE conference.

Ms. Chandler attended the Board workshop and thanked staff for their organization.

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Ms. Nichols attended a meeting of the Colorado School Finance Project where a discussion of school district consolidation took place. She requested that the Board take some time to discuss a possible presentation at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Winter Conference. The deadline to submit requests to present is June 30. Ms. Nichols also requested that the Board consider possible legislative priorities to submit to CASB at its October Legislative Conference. Mr. Colwell said the Board could discuss these items following the meeting this evening.

Mr. Colwell attended the administrators' year-end barbeque and the Board workshop. He commented that significant progress has been made related to the district's strategic plan.

Citizens' Requests to Speak to the Board

Mr. Sam Drury spoke about public visibility of student academic achievement progress with a focus on the recent Board workshop.

Action

Consent Agenda

Mr. Colwell asked if there was any additional information about personnel recommendations on the consent agenda. Mr. Mike Owens, assistant superintendent of human resources, said that administration is recommending Mr. Corey Frye as the new principal at Options. Ms. Amy Oaks, incoming director of secondary education, introduced Mr. Frye, noting he is a product of LPS schools, having graduated from Arapahoe High School.

MOTION: Ms. Howell moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended consent agenda numbered 1.1 concerning Personnel Recommendations with the additions made this evening, 1.2 School District Director Election, 1.3 Exclusive Beverage Contract, 1.4 Student Code of Conduct Policy Revisions, 1.5 District Athletic Code Revisions, 1.6 Board Policy Revisions: EGAEA—Electronic Mail and Internet Services and GBEE—Staff Use of District Technology, and 1.7 Board Policy Revisions: JFBA, JFBA-R—Intradistrict Choice/Open Enrollment and Transfers. SECOND: Ms. Stanish. AYE: Chandler, Colwell, Howell, Nichols, Stanish. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Board Policy Revisions: EFI and EFI-R—Wellness Policy

Mr. Kirk Madsen, assistant superintendent of operations, reviewed revisions made to Board Policy EFI and EFI-R—Wellness Policy, following the Board's discussion of the policy on June 11. The policy now states that any time refreshments are served to students by the school staff, they will fall within LPS established nutrition parameters. When parents and other outside organizations provide refreshments, they will be encouraged to follow the guidelines. In the regulation, language was added under high schools that encourages foods available on campus meet the food standards, and all beverages will adhere to the established beverage standards. The district Wellness Committee will review the policy and regulation and may recommend further policy revisions.

Ms. Chandler thanked Mr. Madsen for his work to promptly prepare these revisions.

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MOTION: Ms. Chandler moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended revisions to Board Policy EFI and EFI-R—Wellness Policy, as prescribed by SB 08-129. SECOND: Ms. Nichols. AYE: Chandler, Colwell, Howell, Nichols, Stanish. MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Discussion

Federal Stimulus Funds: Title I Program

Ms. Connie Bouwman, assistant superintendent of learning services, provided information about the funds the district will receive to support the Title I program. She explained that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law in February will generate about \$1.2 million for Title I. She described the criteria for the use of these dollars, which includes spending to save and create jobs, improve student achievement, ensure transparency in the use of the funds, and invest these one-time dollars thoughtfully. The funds must follow the current Title I rules. While the funds are included in the federal Consolidated Application, their use must be reported separately.

Ms. Bouwman explained how these funds are broken down. First, the state sets aside approximately \$72,000 for its administrative costs. At the local level, the district must set aside about \$218,000 for expenses in several designated areas including professional development outlined in the corrective action plan that is required because the district did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The bulk of the funding allocation, approximately \$900,000 will go directly to Title I schools.

Ms. Bouwman described several recommendations for use of these funds, which include teacher planning, training, and coaching, a summer school program for students, and the purchase of instructional materials to support reading. She said administration recommends adding Centennial Academy of Fine Arts as a third Title I school to enable the district to reach a larger number of students who meet the Title I funding criteria.

Mr. Colwell asked if the ARRA Title I funds are outside the district's general operating budget. Mr. Murphy responded that the ARRA funds were added into the designated purpose grant fund, which was part of the 2009–2010 budget appropriations motion approved by the Board on June 11.

Ms. Howell asked if Centennial will be added as a Title I school for only the two years the ARRA funds are available. Ms. Bouwman responded that due to increases in the district's Title I funding over the last several years, it is an appropriate time to designate Centennial as a Title I school, noting that it does meet the eligibility criteria.

Ms. Bouwman stated that the district currently receives \$1.7 million for Title I.

Ms. Nichols asked for clarification about the use of Title I funds to support district-wide professional development. Ms. Bouwman responded that the funds must be used for this purpose because the district did not make AYP. Ms. Chandler asked if the district has checks and balances in place to evaluate student achievement progress as a result of programs supported with Title I funds. Ms. Bouwman responded that administration is very cautious about the use of these funds, and data about student achievement progress will not be readily available after only one year of funding. Ms. Bouwman also said these funds will be used to support programs

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already in place in the district. Mr. Murphy added that these are short-term funds and stated that administration will be very mindful of that as decisions about use of the funds are made. Ms. Chandler asked about food costs for the summer school program. Ms. Bouwman said it will be used for students who attend the summer program and plans were not yet finalized.

Mr. Colwell thanked Ms. Bouwman for the update.

Extension of 2006–2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Owens stated that the current three-year agreement between LPS and the Littleton Education Association (LEA) will expire on July 31, 2009. He explained that negotiations between the district and LEA, which have been ongoing since February 2009, have not resulted in an agreement on salary-related matters for the 2009–2010 school year. Mr. Owens said the negotiating teams will meet on June 23 to determine next steps, and mediation and fact-finding are likely.

Based on the current situation Mr. Owens proposed an extension of the current collective bargaining agreement through September 30, 2009. He noted that mediation will likely extend to well after the current contract expires. Mr. Owens stated that the agreement extension will keep current compensation levels in place pending the completion of negotiations on salary and compensation items.

Mr. Owens stated that the agreement extension language would be part of the discussion on June 23, and he hoped the agreement extension would be finalized and ready for Board action at a stand-up meeting in July.

Ms. Chandler expressed thanks to all who serve on the negotiations teams for their ongoing commitment to the process. Mr. Colwell asked what would happen if no agreement was reached by the end of September, and Mr. Owens responded that another agreement extension would be necessary.

Board members agreed to meet in July to take action on the agreement extension.

Future Agenda/Adjournment

Mr. Murphy distributed a draft agenda for the August 13, 2009, Board meeting. Discussion items include Alternative Education Program Outcomes, Long-Range Financial Planning, and Federal Stimulus Fund: IDEA (Special Education).

MOTION: Ms. Howell moved that the Board of Education meeting adjourn.

SECOND: Ms. Stanish. AYE: Chandler, Colwell, Howell, Nichols, Stanish.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Colwell
President

Sue Chandler
Secretary

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